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Apartment Tower Plans Made Possible By Gift

A grant for $2,500,000 has been given to the Deaconess Hospital by the Frederick J. Kennedy Memorial Foundation. Mr. R. D. Lowry, executive vice president, announced that the generous gift will help finance an apartment building on the corner of the Riverway and Longwood Avenue.

The 120-unit apartment complex will be called the "Audrey K. Kennedy Towers." Approximately 40% of the building will be used as a dormitory facility for NEDH student nurses. The rest of the complex will be designed as employee apartments.

In order to accommodate the number of cars that will result from the new structure, a garage is being planned. The facility, to be located between Pilgrim Road and Autumn Street, ultimately will hold 520 vehicles and will be similar to the garage at 110 Francis Street.

It is hoped that construction on the parking facility will commence next fall. The main part of the garage will be on the site of the present employee's lot. After the new apartment building is occupied, plans call for tearing down the present apartments and finishing the garage by extending it to Autumn Street.

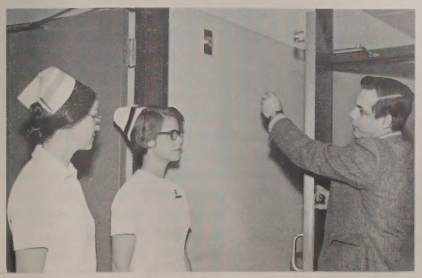
Plans are also underway to construct new radiation therapy and pathology laboratory facilities on the site presently occupied by Norwich House. Although the size of the new building is still undetermined, it will amply house all of the anatomic and clinical pathology laboratories that are now in the Palmer building. One floor of the new structure will be devoted solely to facilities for radiation therapy.

The NEDH Building Committee, composed of four NEDH Corporators and Mr. Lowry, expects construction to commence in early 1972 on the apartment complex and the radiation therapy laboratory facility. Suggestions for interior features and architectural designs for these buildings are still being discussed.

Employees Enjoy Central Ten Preview

As random groups stepped from the elevator, smiles replaced question-mark expressions. Administrators wandered around the tenth-floor corridors showing fellow employees its highlighting features. The occasion was the employee preview of Central ten on January 18 from 2-4 p.m.

The open house served as an excellent opportunity for inquisitive employees to satiate their curiosity about the new facility — many who visited the floor contributed financially to the building drive for the addition, others were inconvenienced at various times by construction noise or turmoil and just wanted to assure themselves that, "It was well worth it!" The common tie for all visitors to the tenth-floor preview was their basic interest in what's happening at the Deaconess.



At the Central ten open house, Mr. Hubert Sycamore, assistant director, shows Miss Jane Vandemark, LPN on Palmer 4, and Miss Nancy Littlefield, RN on Palmer 4, how the magnetically secured doors work.

Health, Incorporated Opens First Center

There is a newly-opened community health care center at 332 Longwood Avenue. It offers a fresh approach to an age-old concern. Known as Health, Incorporated, the program proposes that total medical care to large population groupings be provided by health care teams.

The Longwood Center of Health, Inc., opened on February 1. If the concept of total health care proves successful at this first center, a series of neighborhood health care facilities will open throughout eastern Massachusetts. Each new center of Health, Inc. will serve families living within a defined geographical area and will provide health management for some 30,000 men, women and children.

Limited by the physical size of its Longwood facility, Health, Inc. expects to invite about 11,500 people to enroll in its first program. Most of these people are family members living within a three-mile radius of the Longwood Center. Unable to obtain their own family doctor, these individuals have been using the emergency services at the Childrens' Hospital Medical Center and the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. Included in the 11,500 anticipated enrollees are some 1,500 children who are now being cared for by the Massachusetts Division of Child Guardianship.

Before the opening of the Longwood Center of Health, Inc., a patient load of some 2,000 individuals was recruited. As each family unit joins the center, they are assigned to a health-care team that is responsible for providing or obtaining all of the medical needs for the family. In providing services similar to those of a private doctor, the team sees patients by appointment and during emergencies. In conjunction with the routine health-maintenance care provided by Health, Inc., the family teams arrange for necessary hospitalization and supervise all care given in the hospital.

The Deaconess Hospital has agreed to admit patients referred by Health, Inc. Similar arrangements have been made with Childrens' Hospital Medical Center, Peter Bent Brigham, Robert Bent Brigham, Beth Israel and the Boston Hospital for Women.

Health, Inc. plans to keep the rate of hospitalization at a minimum by giving patients good primary care. Through the early detection of maladies and the intervention of a disease before it becomes chronic, fewer patients should require hospitalization. After the program is established, the center hopes to make intermediate hospital beds available within its facilities. These beds will function similarly to those in an infirmary. Medical patients will eventually receive all treatments within this facility and surgical patients will return to it from a high-cost hospital as soon as possible following surgery.

Since Health, Inc. is striving for a sense of permanence, it chooses not to be financially dependent on legislative grants. It opened with a skeleton staff which will increase as dictated by demand. For the first year of the Longwood Center's operation, patients will be charged on a fee-for-service basis. When an average cost per individual has been computed, the center hopes to switch to a prepaid per capita charge system. This system is similar to those offered by various health insurers, but will be more extensive than the others.

Two types of health care will be provided by Health, Inc. — medical and social health services. The first is directly reimbursable while the second has no direct reimbursement mechanism. Nutrition education, family planning and general health education are examples of social health services that will be provided if short-term funds make them possible. It is hoped that in the future, these and similar social health services can be provided on a full-time basis. No service will be rendered unless a reimbursement mechanism is available to the center.

The idea of Health, Incorporated was conceived by Dr. Leonard W. Cronkhite, general director of the Childrens' Hospital Medical Center. Strongly supported by Governor Francis Sargent, Health, Inc. has become known as the Sargent-Cronkhite Plan. Since it was publicized last April, the plan has drawn attention from national health advocates. It is being watched as a possible solution to the age-old problem of community health care in the United States.

The medical director of the Longwood Center of Health, Inc. is Dr. John Carper. Mr. Matthew Good is the administrator for the center.

JUST A THOUGHT:

"To be nobody but yourself — in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you somebody else — means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting."

E. E. Cummings

PROFILE: Miss Ruth Pendleton

Miss Ruth Pendleton, director of surgical services, does not let her career interfere with her personal hobbies and interests. Although fully dedicated to her job, she always takes time for her creative interests, religious endeavors and family.

Since she arrived at the Deaconess in November 1946, Miss Pendleton's responsibilities have perceptively increased. When she first came to the hospital, she instructed student nurses during their operating room rotation. Then in 1951, she became supervisor of the operating rooms.

1953 was an expansion year for the Deaconess Hospital. During March of that year, the new Central addition opened with 12 operating rooms. They replaced five operating rooms in the Deaconess building and three in Palmer. In addition to being modernized, the surgical facilities at NEDH were also centralized for the first time. The eight rooms on the fourth floor are still used for major surgery and one operating room on Central 5 for ambulatory patients.

When surgical services expanded, Miss Pendleton became director of the department. One of her first major contributions was to expand the central supply service that had its beginning in one of the Deaconess building operating rooms. Miss Pendleton was also faced with what was then, the unique responsibility of staffing and maintaining a recovery room. Before 1953, all patients went directly to their rooms following surgery.

Respiratory therapy also had its beginning in 1953. For many years, all respiratory therapy was done by staff nurses. Gradually the need for specialization increased and nurses were hired and trained in respiratory therapy techniques by the surgical services department. In 1964 the respiratory therapy department became a distinct entity within surgical services and in 1966 a training program in the new paramedical profession evolved at NEDH.

A training program for operating room technicians began in 1958. At first, the program involved six months of clinical-academic experiences and educated enough technicians to meet the needs of NEDH. Now the training period lasts one year and provides operating room technicians for the community as well as the Deaconess.

Miss Pendleton grew up and went to school in Nashua and Amherst, New Hampshire. She prefers small towns to cities and bought a pre-Civil War house in Medfield, Mass., in 1965. Her acquisition was in fairly good condition and only needed partial renovations. Miss Pendleton personally reupholstered some of her own pieces of furniture for her new home.

Before coming to the Deaconess, Miss Pendleton worked at her nursing school alma mater, Waltham Hospital, for six years. At the Deaconess, her first position, operating room staff nurse, lasted for two months before she left to take a postgraduate course in operating room nursing and management at New York Hospital — Cornell University.

At the conclusion of her six-month course, Miss Pendleton returned to the Deaconess Hospital as an instructor. Since 1946, she has taken advanced courses in nursing and administration at Simmons College and Boston University.

There are many things that Miss Pendleton pursues during her spare time: gardening, swimming, cooking and sewing are just a few. It's hard to tell which hobby she enjoys the most. Each one seems to fit into a season, a mood or a time slot. After all, she can't very well travel to New Jersey to see one of her sisters if it is a Tuesday and she has to be at work on Wednesday!

Most of Miss Pendleton's gardening involves the cultivation of roses, tomatoes and cucumbers. No matter, what else, she always manages to raise these three items. Miss Pendleton prefers flower over vegetable gardens and generally plants red roses in groups to provide a hedge effect around her property. These clumps of roses lend both privacy and beauty to her home.

"When I bought the house, the property was already well-landscaped and I've simply added to the existing gardens. Oh, I mustn't forget to tell you: I also raise strawberry plants!" exclaims Miss Pendleton.

"Speaking of raising, did I tell you about my miniature brown poodles?" asks Miss Pendleton.

"My interest in raising poodles started in 1959. My Dad had a hunting dog that he just loved. The dog was killed by a car and both of my folks were heart broken. I looked around and bought them an adorable brown poodle, Coco. I now own one of Coco's litter, Feather, and one of Feather's daughters named Samantha," she explains.

In addition to the two poodles (and who knows when there will be more), Miss Pendleton also owns two cats. Smokey Joe is a long-haired grey domestic cat and Andrew is an orange and white cat that is part Siamese.

Miss Pendleton installed a pool after she bought her colonial home. "It fits my property beautifully," she explains. The pool is a luxury for her and she tries to spend as much time as possible around it during the summer. She insists on one thing concerning her pool — that it doesn't tie her down to Medfield.

One of the things that Miss Pendleton enjoys the most is spending time with her two sisters and their families. Whenever possible she joins the families when they go on vacation. They frequently travel to the shore together and occasionally to the New Hampshire countryside.

Not all of Miss Pendleton's travels are with her family. While she was active in the National Association of Operating Room Nurses, she traveled extensively throughout the country. She was a member of the organization's board of directors and education committee. As a member and then chairman of the committee, she traveled to different cities across the nation to run regional educational seminars.

In 1949, she attended an International Congress of Nurses, Stockholm, Sweden. Since she was already in Europe, Miss Pendleton also visited several other countries.

Although she is no longer active in National Association of Operating Room Nurses, Miss Pendleton is still a member of that organization and its local branch. She is also a member of the American Hospital Association, the New England Hospital Assembly, the Massachusetts Hospital Association, the American Nurses Association and the National League for Nurses.

Miss Ruth Pendleton, R.N.

Domestic interests keep Miss Pendleton happy when she isn't traveling or working in her gardens. She loves to cook. "I'll try to cook anything that catches my eye. I collect cookbooks and am always reading them," she explains.

In addition to cooking, she enjoys sewing, knitting and reading. Miss Pendleton still makes most of her own clothes. She delves into all types of reading materials, but is partial to biographies. Knitting holds no boundaries for her and she makes coats as well as sweaters.

"I used to do a lot of pencil sketching. It was mostly of scenery that caught my eye. Then, my sister so surpassed me in oil painting, that I decided that I'd rather look at her work than attempt to create my own," says Miss Pendleton about a now lost hobby.

After Miss Pendleton moved to Medfield, she became active as a Deaconess in the Congregational Church of Medfield. The Diaconate Board assists the ministers and members of the church. They are responsible for the communion service, visit new and sick members of the parish and essentially act as hosts and hostesses at church functions.

With summer rapidly approaching, Miss Pendleton recently began a nine-week course in sailing. She hopes the course will give her basic knowledge of sailing so that she can try out some of the skills this summer.

One to always try new pastimes, Miss Pendleton is now planning to make a hooked rug. She explains that, "I have the pattern for the rug but still have to decide on colors. I hope the finished product will be at least 8 x 10 feet in size."

Whether it is her profession or a hobby, Miss Pendleton pursues her interests with vigor and determination. She chooses pastimes to fit her capabilities and so finds herself kept busy by a variety of hobbies. Her hooked rug and sailing endeavors reflect a continuing growth in Miss Pendleton's interests.

Bruins Visit Hockey Fans

The Boston Bruins play a great game of hockey. They also put forth special efforts to show appreciation for their many fans. Within the last two months, two Bruins' fans were cheered-up during their hospitalization at the Deaconess.

On December 28, Wayne Cashman, left wing, and Don Earle, Bruins announcer on TV-38, visited Doug Stevenson, a 16-year old patient on Baker 3. Mr. Stevenson's spirits heightened because of their visit and surprise gift of a Bruins hockey puck.

Mrs. Alice LeRiche, a Bruins fan for two years paced the floor on Deaconess-3 North while she awaited a visit from Gerry Cheevers, goalie, on January 13. She was so excited when he arrived that a few tears trickled down her cheek.

People like Wayne Cashman, Gerry Cheevers and Don Earle care about their supporters. Their efforts to say "Thank you" are greatly appreciated.

Announcer Don Earle and Wayne Cashman, left wing for the Bruins, hand a hockey puck to Doug Stevenson, patient on Baker 3.

Down the Aisle

ENGAGED . . .

Eileen Artesani, secretary in the NEDH School of Nursing, is betrothed to William Sullivan, master plumber for the local union.

Paula A. Brophy, instructor in the second and third year programs at the NEDH School of Nursing, is engaged to Peter Ainsworth, teacher in the Norwood, Mass., school system.

Carol A. Brown, junior at the NEDH School of Nursing, is engaged to Joseph B. Kennedy, a junior at Nichols College, Dudley.

Jennifer J. Cummings, senior at the NEDH School of Nursing, is engaged to Richard Guzikowski, senior at Northeastern University, Boston.

Deborah J. Cunningham, senior at the NEDH School of Nursing, is betrothed to Robert A. McGuire, student at Grahm Junior College, Boston.

Claire M. Cutler, 1970 graduate of the NEDH School of Nursing and an RN on Central 10, is engaged to Harvey V. Lemovitz, a graduate of Northeastern University, Boston, who is completing his active duty with the armed service.

Linda J. Glynn, assistant head nurse in the Deaconess-3 special care unit and 1965 graduate of the NEDH School of Nursing, is betrothed to George L. Carr, supervisor in Filene's Data Processing Department, Boston.

Aurea M. Henry, secretary to Mr. Theodore Koch, is engaged to H. Larry Collins, a Boston College graduate who is currently working for the Fraudulent Claims Bureau of Massachusetts.

Rosemary J. Laffin, freshman at the NEDH School of Nursing, is engaged to Wayne E. Graffius who is on active duty at Ft. Leonard, Wood, Mo.

Jayne Lutterell, junior at the NEDH School of Nursing, is engaged to David E. Sharrow.

Elinor C. McCaughey, senior in the NEDH School of Nursing, is betrothed to William T. McWeeny, teacher in the Quincy, Boston, school system.

MARRIED . . .

Virginia E. Ellis, RN in the Deaconess-2 footroom and 1967 graduate of the NEDH School of Nursing, married Ronald J. Smith on December 11. Mr. Smith is a commercial pilot.

Barbara J. Negethon, senior at the NEDH School of Nursing, became the wife of Peter A. Norkus in a December wedding.

Judith L. Pursell, medical technologist, married George B. Marshall on December 19. Mr. Marshall, a teacher in Ocala, Florida, is serving with the U. S. Navy.

Marie Sullivan, laboratory technician in hematology, married James Galloway on November 14. Mr. Galloway is a builder for Waite Construction Company.

JUST A THOUGHT:
"No man can climb out beyond the limitations of his own character."
John V. Morley

Tolbutamide Topic Draws Physicians To Symposium

Over 100 doctors and visitors attended a quarterly symposium on "Controversies in American Medicine" for members of the Boston medical community. The subject of concern was "Tolbutamide and Sudden Cardiovascular Deaths." The 5 p.m. symposium, organized by the NEDH Medical House Officers Association, was held in the Joslin Auditorium, February 4.

Dr. Frank N. Allan, former Deaconess staff member, consultant with the Food and Drug Administration and chairman emeritus of Lahey Clinic's Department of Medicine, acted as moderator of the symposium. The speakers were: Dr. Robert K. Osborne, clinical instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and investigator for University Group Diabetes Program (UGDP); Dr. Robert F. Bradley, medical director at Joslin Clinic and assistant clinical professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School; and Dr. Marion Finkel, assistant deputy director of the United States Food and Drug Administration's Bureau of Drugs.

The two members of the board of inquirers were: Dr. John B. O'Sullivan, medical officer in charge of the United States Public Health Service's Section of Diabetes and Arthritis Field Research, and Dr. Richard Field, assistant at the Retina Foundation, Boston. Questions from the floor were entertained by the symposium panelists at the completion of the formal discussion.

SAR Cites Palmer 4 Patient For Bravery

Police Chief Henry Miller Jr. receives one of two citations for bravery in the Palmer 4 solarium on February 4. Participating in the presentation are: (l. to r.) Mr. R. D. Lowry, executive vice president; Mr. Walter Martin, national president of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; and Mr. George E. C. Allen, state president of the Rhode Island SAR. Hospital employees watching the presentation in the background are: (l. to r.) Miss Catharina Tham, certified nurse on Palmer 4; Mr. Richard Perrin, unit manager in the Palmer building; and Mr. Sante Breda, unit manager in the Central building.

On February 4, the Palmer 4 solarium took on an aura of celebration as representatives from West Warwick, Rhode Island, gathered at 1:30 p.m. to pay a special tribute to Mr. Henry F. Miller Jr., police chief. A patient at the Deaconess since last September, Mr. Miller was cited for two incidents of bravery last July. While unarmed, he convinced armed men, in both incidents, to surrender their weapons.

Mr. Miller received the "Law Enforcement Commendation Medal" from the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. On hand to present the award were: Mr. Walter R. Martin, president-general of the national branch of the society; Mr. George E. Allen, president of SAR's Rhode Island chapter; and Mr. Robert F. Eddy, state awards chairman. It was the first time that the "Law Enforcement Commendation Medal" was given to anyone from Rhode Island. The first recipient of the award was J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director.

The West Warwick Businessmen's Association, represented by their President Eugene S. Roberts and Director Isadore J. Zierler, presented Mr. Miller with a plaque "In recognition of your outstanding dedication and contribution to West Warwick." The award was the first of its kind to be presented by the organization and now will be an annual citation.

After Mr. Miller received the awards from his community, the nurses on Palmer 4 gave a reception in his honor. After receiving special permission to have the small party, they baked most of the refreshments for the occasion. It was "Police Chief Miller Afternoon" on Palmer 4.

Iranian Students Visit NEDH

Eighteen industrial management students from the Arthur D. Little, Inc., Training Insititute toured the Deaconess and talked with Mr. R. D. Lowry, executive vice president, on January 13. This is the second time that the Deaconess has arranged a tour and discussion period for students from the institute's training program.

The industrial management students discussed the policies and managerial problems of a hospital administrator with Mr. Lowry. After the lengthy question-and-answer session, the students were given a tour of the Deaconess by Mr. Peter Campisano, administrative assistant, and Mr. Hubert Sycamore, assistant director.

All of the students in the management training program are from Iran. They are the second group of Iranian businessmen to come to Arthur D. Little for managerial training. The academic program is sponsored by the Industrial Development and Renovation Organization and the Industrial Management Institute of Iran. It is coordinated and organized by the Industrial Management Institute.

The annual Industrial Management Training Program was established in an attempt to fill Iran's need for large numbers of professionally trained managers. This second session will complete its training in June 1971.

NONFICTION

The Pentagon of Power
Lewis Mumford. The effects of technology on human culture.

Ancient Egypt
Lionel Casson. From the *Time-Life* series, the Great Ages of Man.

Lombardi: Winning Is The Only Thing
Jerry Kramer. Interviews with those who knew the most successful coach in football.

FICTION

Ripley Under Ground
Patricia Highsmith. An American expatriot in France finds himself involved in an art-forgery scheme.

The Dead Sea Cipher
Elizabeth Peters. Kidnap and foul play threaten a young American tourist in the Middle East.

Whistle and I'll Come To You
Agnes Sligh Turnbull. Turn-of-the-century nostalgia.

A Late Phoenix
Catherine Aird. (Mystery)

Gadget Man
Ron Goulart. (Science Fiction)

JUVENILE

The Wonders of Prehistoric Man
Christopher Martin. The anthropological evidence of how prehistoric man lived.

Doctors doings

Dr. David P. Boyd, thoracic surgery, was a guest lecturer at the Seattle Surgical Society and visiting professor at the University of Washington, January 20-23. As president elect of the American College of Chest Physicians, Dr. Boyd represented the organization at the annual convocation of the American College of Cardiology in Washington, D. C., February 6.

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Dr. Robert F. Bradley Jr., internal medicine, traveled to Dusseldorf, Germany, February 12-13 to participate in a symposium, "Indications and Side Effect of Hyperglycemic Agents," organized by the German Diabetics Association.

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Dr. Blake Cady, general surgery, addressed a seminar for registered nurses held at Boston College, December 8, 1970, on the subject, "Breast Cancer 1970 — A Clinician's Audit."

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Dr. Bentley P. Colcock, general surgery, attended the council meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society, February 10, at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston.

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Dr. R. Clement Darling, general surgery, was a visiting professor of surgery in San Jose, Costa Rica, from December 1-10, 1970. While there he presented papers on: "Renal Hypertension," "Choice of Operation for Aorta-iliac Disease," and "Splenorenal Shunts." Dr. Darling was made on honorary fellow at the Colegio De Cirujanos De Costa Rica at the conclusion of his visiting professorship.

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Dr. Charles A. Fager, neurosurgery, was elected to the Society of Neurological Surgeons in 1970 and attended his first meeting as an active member this February. He plans to travel to South America in March and will be lecturing, March 5-8 at the Neurosurgical Institute, University of San Francisco, Porto Alegro, Brazil, on "Methods of Treating Intracranial Aneurysms," "Surgery of Pituitary Tumors" and "Technique of Hypophysectomy." He is presenting a paper, March 10, on "Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy" at the Latin American Congress of Neurosurgery, Punte de Este, Brazil.

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Dr. Constantine J. Maletskos, senior associate at CRI, lectured on "Development in Activation Analysis for Biomedical Research" at the November 4-6 Nuclear Science Symposium, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, New York City. On November 19, he spoke about "Perspectives In the Setting of Radiation Protection Guides" as part of a panel discussion on "Power, Production and Environmental Crises" at a meeting of the New England Chapter of the Sierra Club.

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Dr. William A. Meissner, chairman of the department of pathology, has been appointed a member of the American Joint Committee for Cancer Staging and End Results Reporting. Sponsored by the American College of Surgeons, American College of Radiology, American College of Physicians, College of American Pathologists, American Cancer Society, the National Cancer Institute and Cancer Control Program of the U. S. Public Health Service, the committee is concerned with cancer control methods and works to establish more uniform methods of evaluating individual cancers.

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Dr. Francis M. Woods, thoracic surgery, spoke about his work and experiences aboard the hospital ship, "S. S. HOPE," to the Melrose (Mass.) Mother's Club at their January 8 meeting in the Melrose Highlands Congregational Church.

Massive Renovations Underway On Central 3

Central 3 closed when Central 10 opened in the latter part of January so that Frank Briscoe Company, Inc., general contractor for the Deaconess, can convert the floor from a 24 bed to a 36 bed medical-surgical unit. Due to the heavy demolition in progress in Central 3, a passageway is being maintained between the Baker and Deaconess buildings at the third-floor level. The passageway will remain open until the renovations are completed. It will be approximately five months before the floor is ready for patient occupancy. Palmer 2 closed for a few weeks at the beginning of February so that NEDH Maintenance and Engineering personnel could do touch-up painting and minimal renovations.

Demolition of 18 Autumn Street began in mid-February. Scheduled for earlier this year, the demolition was delayed to permit the extension of the hospital's steam line through 18 Autumn Street to the apartments. The delay also gave the hospital enough time to relocate the fire sprinkler system for the maintenance and laundry building.

On the second floor of Joslin Clinic's Hospital Teaching Unit, work continues on a twelve-bed addition. This addition necessitated the closing of the second-floor kitchen and cafeteria which are operated by the Deaconess. A temporary kitchen is being maintained on the second floor unit by NEDH until a new kitchen and cafeteria are completed at the first-floor level. Until these facilities are ready, Joslin's patients will be fed on trays in their rooms.

On the Riverway side of the Palmer building, construction is nearing completion on a new mortuary room for the pathology department.

The systems and planning people at 306 Riverway are still waiting to move into their new quarters on the Deaconess roof. All of the renovations in the new office area are complete. The actual transfer of personnel is being delayed pending the clearance of the flooring material selected by the department.

NEDH Nurse Joins Project HOPE

Although travel may not seem like a substantial motive to ask for an educational leave of absence, Miss Alberta D. Pelletier, RN and assistant head nurse on Palmer 5, did not hesitate to use these grounds when she requested a leave. Permission for the one-year leave of absence was granted and Miss Pelletier left the country in January.

Extenuating circumstances surrounded Miss Pelletier's granted absence because her travel plans meant a trip to Tunisia where she joined Project HOPE's land-based program. The Tunisian program is a follow-up effort to the 1969-70 teaching and treatment mission of "S. S. HOPE," the hospital ship, to that country.

A medical-surgical nurse, Miss Pelletier will work with HOPE's land-based personnel in Tunisia for a year. The ship "S. S. HOPE" is now in Kingston, West Indies, on the first part of a three-year hemispheric mission that will take it to Brazil in 1972 and to Venezuela in 1973.

Project HOPE is a private, non-profit corporation headquartered in Washington, D. C. Supported by the American people, its best known symbol is the "S. S HOPE" which since 1960 has visited nations on four continents. Each medical teaching and treatment mission averages ten months.

Project HOPE is also working in the Southwestern part of the United States, on the Navajo Indian reservation at Ganado, Arizona, and in the Mexican-American community of Laredo, Texas. It is treating the sick while training local people for careers in the health professions.

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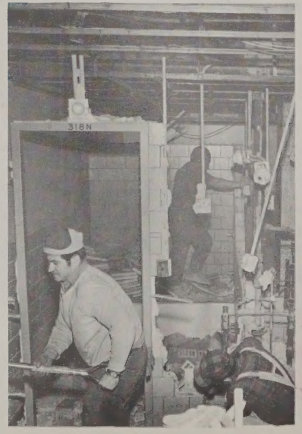

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